




[Spring Academy]

The European turn to sustainability due diligence: From concept to obligation

Day 1: Monday 3 April 2023

The rise of sustainability due diligence: From Ruggie's mind to due diligence legislation

- 09:00 - 09:30 **Registration**
- 9:30 - 10:00 **Opening and introduction**
Dr Antoine Duval & Dr Virginie Rouas (Asser Institute)
- 10:00 - 11:15 **What is due diligence? A walk through the OECD Due Diligence Guidance**
Dr Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)
- 11:15 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Ruggie's double movement: The ideas behind the invention of human rights due diligence**
Dr Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 - 15:00 **Stakeholder engagement in human rights due diligence** 
Shauna Curphey (Just Ground) & Naing Htoo (EarthRights International)
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:30 - 17:00 **A TWAIL critique of due diligence legislation**
Dr Caroline Omari Lichuma (University of Luxembourg)
- 19:30 **Dinner**

Day 2: Tuesday 4 April 2023

Due diligence in action – The French Law on the Duty of Vigilance

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Presentation of the French Law on the Duty of Vigilance**
Dr Virginie Rouas (Asser Institute)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:00 – 12:15 **The French Law on the Duty of Vigilance in action: the business experience**

Charlotte Michon (Entreprises pour les droits de l'homme)
- 12:15– 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 – 14:30 **An evaluation of the first duty of vigilance plans adopted by companies**
Roula Mamlouk (Sherpa)
- 14:30 – 15:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:00 – 17:00 **The French Law on the Duty of Vigilance as a new avenue for climate litigation against transnational companies**
Brice Laniyan (Notre Affaire à Tous)


Day 3: Wednesday 5 April 2023

Due diligence in action – The German Supply Chain Act

- 09:00 – 10:15 **Due diligence and the German Supply Chain Act**
Dr Klaas Eller (University of Amsterdam)
- 10:15 – 10:45 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Due diligence and the German Supply Chain Act**
Dr Klaas Eller (University of Amsterdam)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Using technological solutions to comply with the due diligence obligations of the German Supply Chain Act: The case of Prewave**
Lena Miglbauer (Prewave)
- 14:30 – 15:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:00 – 16:30 **The role of civil society organizations in the adoption and implementation of the German Supply Chain Act**
Maren Leifker (Brot fuer die Welt)

Day 4: Thursday 6 April 2023

The European Union's turn to sustainability due diligence

- 09:00 – 10:15 **Sustainability reporting in the EU and its interplay with due diligence** 
Joanne Houston (Frank Bold)
- 10:15 - 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:30 - 12:30 **Due diligence and deforestation: The EU Timber Regulation & the EU Regulation on deforestation-free products**
Michael Rice, Kaja Blumtritt (ClientEarth) & Tieme Wanders (NVWA)
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 15:00 **The future of sustainability due diligence in EU law I: Towards an EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive**
Dr Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:15 – 16:15 **The future of sustainability due diligence in EU law II: The proposals for an EU Battery Regulation and an EU Forced Labour Ban Regulation**
Dr Virginie Rouas (Asser Institute)
- 16:15 – 16:45 **Course evaluation**
- 16:45 **Closing reception**